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SUBJECT: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS: COMPOSERS STRING QUARTET

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1. GDR KUENSTLERAGENTUR DEPUTY DIRECTOR WATZINGER AND PAO
HELD LENGTHY MEETING AUGUST 22 TO DISCUSS SEVERAL MU-
SICAL EVENTS, PRIMARILY CONFIRM DETAILS OF
COMPOSERS STRING QUARTET (CSQ) TOUR OCTOBER 20-30.

2. WATZINGER SAID VISAS READY AND WILL BE DELIVERED TO
EMBASSY. HE ASKED FOR EXACT DATE AND TIME OF ARRIVAL AND
VENUE. IF CSQ ARRIVING WEST BERLIN'S TEGEL, GDR CANNOT
MEET AND TRANSPORT UNTIL CSQ PASSES THROUGH CHECKPOINT
CHARLIE. WATZINGER SAID THAT ARRIVAL AT SCHONEFELD AIR-
PORT DESIRABLE BUT NOT A NECESSITY.

3. HE SAID CAR AND INTERPRETER WILL BE PROVIDED FULL-TIME
THROUGHOUT TOUR AND TEN DAYS' PER DIEM GIVEN ON
ARRIVAL. WHEN PAO ASKED ABOUT CONTACTS WITH FELLOW MUSI-
CIANS AND STUDENTS, WATZINGER SAID PROGRAM SPONSOR IN
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EACH OF FIVE CITIES HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO ARRANG MEETINGS.

4. WHEN ASKED ABOUT PUBLICITY AND POSTERS,
WATZINGER SAID EACH OF FIVE SPONSORS WILL DO
SEPARATE POSTER. ASKED ABOUT THE BERLIN ENGAGEMENT,
WATZINGER SAID THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION WAS THE
KOMISCHE OPER WHICH WOULD PRODUCE A PRINTED PROGRAM AND

THE POSTER.

5. COMMENT: THUS FAR, THE ONLY POSSIBLE FLY IN THE OINTMENT COULD BE THE CONTEXT IN WHICH THE BERLIN CONCERT IS PRESENTED, THAT IS, IF THERE IS ANY REFERENCE TO THE GDR OR TO THE CAPITAL. PAO INTENDS EXPLORE WITH THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICE AT KOMISCHE OPER IN HOPE OF AVOIDING SAME PROBLEM WE HAD WITH FILM WEEK IN MAY WHICH EVENTUALLY LED TO CANCELLATION OF BERLIN PROGRAM. CONCERNING VISAS, POST SUGGESTS HOLDING THEM HERE AND DELIVERING TO CSQ ON ARRIVAL. MEANWHILE, WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE CSQ ETA AND AT WHICH AIRPORT.

6. CSQ OFFER GIVE EMBASSY CONCERT FOR MUSICAL ELITE MUCH APPRECIATED AND WILL BE CONSIDERED AND CSQ ADVISED.
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